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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. IN HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC EDITORIAL OF FEBRUARY 23, VANCOUVER
SUN STATED THAT PM TRUDEAU "DECISIVELY ILLUSTRATED" THAT "MEN
ALSO MAKE EVENTS". HE "SHOWED ALL WHO SAW HIM THAT HE IS A
WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY...AND THE MOMENT WAS ONE FOR
CANADIANS TO FEEL PRIDE IN THE MAN THEY HAVE AS THEIR POLITICAL
LEADER." HIS "SUPERB ADDRESS" WAS "INTELLIGENT. GRACEFUL.
HONEST. HEARTFELT. POETIC. POWERFUL. THAT IS THE DESCRIPTION OF IT."

2. EDITORIAL DECLARED THAT TRUDEAU PRESENTED THE PROBLEM
OF
SEPARATISM OPENLY AND FAIRLY TO "CANADA'S CONCERNED FRIENDS"
AND PRESENTED HIS OWN BRIEF (THAT CANADA'S UNITY "WILL NOT BE
FRACTURED") WITH "DIGNITY AND STRENGTH."

3. ON SUBJECT OF CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, EDITORIAL
DESCRIBED PM AS A "SENSITIVE, WARM PAL," WHO WENT TO WASHINGTON
NOT AS A "SUPPLICANT," "COUNTRY COUSIN," OR A "MEAN LITTLE
FELLOW WITH AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX AND A SHOULDER CHIP,"
BUT AS AN "INDEPENDENT, CONFIDENT" FRIEND WHO EVOKED "OUTRIGHT
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AFFECTION" FROM THE PRESIDENT. EDITORIAL'S REACTION TO
PRESIDENT CARTER'S TOAST AT THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER WAS:
". WE CAN DO WITH THAT KIND OF TALK BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES."

4. SUN'S CONCLUSION: "WHAT A USEFUL EXERCISE THE WHOLE
VISIT."

5. PRESS CLIPPING BEING MAILED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/CAN.

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